and 2005 respectively. During such bids, 286, 140 and 180 terrorists were killed respectively. The number of infiltration assessed during the above period was 1373, 349 and 335 respectively.

(c) No evidence exists to indicate that terrorists infrastructure across the border in Pakistan and PoK has been dismantled.

Setting up of new terror camps by Pakistan

1672. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has set up new terror camps and have revived terrorist training camps;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that terrorists are now infiltrating through non-traditional routes;

(c) if so, the details of such routes; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to counter such acts of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Terrorists are infiltrating through both traditional and non-traditional routes. The Government has adopted a multi pronged approach to contain cross border infiltration. The overall counter infiltration measures deployed by the Army include a multi-tiered arrangement on the LoC alongwith fencing, improved intelligence, operational coordination and relentless operations in the hinterland so as to ensure that infiltration is minimised and violence levels in the State of Jammu and Kashmir kept under check.

Maintenance of NH 22 by GREF

†1673. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highway No. 22 connecting Himachal Pradesh is the only such road which connects tribal district Kinnaur and Indo-Tibetan Border with the country and which is maintained by General Reserve Engineer Force;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether the GREF is finding it difficult to maintain it due to scarcity of money and manpower; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to consider to assign the work of maintenance of the above highway to Public Works Department and provide it with sufficient Central aid for the purchase of heavy machinery etc.?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The total length of National Highway No. 22 is 424 Kms., of which is a stretch of 89 Kms from Wangtu to Pooh is with the General Reserve Engineer Force.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Payment for land acquired for seabird project

1674. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has acquired 75 hectares of land required for extending the runway of the Airport at Seabird Project, Uttar Kannada District and transferred to same to Defence Department;

(b) if so, whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Government to pay the cost of the land worth Rs. 20 crores;

(c) whether the cost of land has been paid to Karnataka Government; and

(d) since the land has been given by the Karnataka Government, whether the Airport will be allowed for civilian purposes?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government of Karnataka has recently agreed to acquire 75 hectares of land for extending the runway of the Airport at Seabird Project, Uttar Kannada District and to transfer the same free of cost/encumbrances to the Ministry of Defence. The issue of payment of Rs. 20 crores for the said land to the State Government, therefore, does not arise. The feasibility of using the Airport for civilian purposes has not